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*Dear Minister,*

Thank you for your letter of 9 August responding to my concerns with the proposed amendments to the Agreement between the Government and the BBC relating to the NAO's access to the BBC.

I am grateful for your consideration of the points that I have raised and the adjustments you have made to the draft wording of the Agreement. I understand that there is just one small point of clarification that our officials are discussing. For the reasons stated in my previous letter, I still believe that paragraph 7(b) is unnecessary, but equally do not think it need hold up the agreement.

I am confident that we share the aim of implementing these revised arrangements for the benefit of the taxpayer, which is why I have sought to engage constructively on these matters ahead of your deadline. I now look forward to working under the new arrangements which, I believe, represent an important step in improving the transparency of BBC expenditure.

I am pleased to hear that you wish to review how these new arrangements are working in practice before 2016 and I look forward to being involved in any related discussions.

  
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